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PERSHING'S MEN OFFERED FRANCE

Monchel Is Captured By French Troops Enveloping Movement Brings Foe In 12 Miles of Amiens

70,000 PRISONERS AND 1,100 GUNS CAPTURED BERLIN REPORT CLAIMS

London Latest War Office Announcement Tells
of Heavy Fighting South of the
Somme.

Admits Army Being Pressed Back to Line
West of Hamel, Marcelcave and
Demum.

Berlin, March 29. — (Via London.) — Since
the beginning of the great battle now in progress
the German forces have taken 70,000 prisoners
and 1,100 guns, says today's army headquarters report.

LONDON STATEMENT.

London, March 29.—Heavy fighting has
taken place south of the Somme, in which the
British have been pressed back to a line running
west of Hamel, Marcelcave and Demum, says
this evening's war office announcement.

FIGHTING ONLY ABOUT TO BEGIN FOR ALLIED ARMY

Feeling General That for Ger-
many Conflict Has Been
Virtually Lost.

BATTLE LINE IS EXTENDED

Entailing Engagement of More
Enemy Reserves.

Loss of Amiens Would Not Be
Vital—To Shape Course
of Events.

Paris, March 29.—The great battle
is now raging over a front
of more than seventy miles. This
extension of the line has increased
the number of German reserves en-
gaged. Although thus far no de-
cisive success has been obtained
anywhere there is increased confi-
dence here. The impression in
semiofficial circles is that the allies
have not only held off the Germans,
but now are no longer compelled to
permit the enemy by his man-
euvers to shape the course which
the battle shall take.

The general feeling is that for Ger-
many the battle is virtually lost, that
for the allies the battle is about to be-
gin.

The operations thus far are accepted
as confirming the theory that Paris was
not the main objective of the German
offensive, but that the plan of the en-
emy was to break connection between
the French and British armies, in
which he has failed. His main direct
attack was westward toward the sea.
The Germans seek Amiens because this
town is an important railway center of
communication with England. The
loss of Amiens would be inconvenient
but not vital.

Improving Rapidly.

Marcel Sembat, former minister of
public works in L'Heure, writes:
"The situation is improving for us,
and improving rapidly. The German
attack in the Montdidier is likely to
prove a formidable failure. Towards
Amiens, which is the real objective of
the Germans, the attacks are meeting
with a stubborn defense. They must
have Amiens to cut off the British.
They must reach the sea to attempt an
enveloping movement. Nothing will be
spared to defend Amiens to the last."

The eighth day of the battle brought
a change in the weather, if conditions
at the front are the same as in Paris.
The wind shifted from the northwest
to the southeast, which will prevent the
Germans from using gas. Rain is fall-
ing, which will make it difficult for the
Germans to bring up their artillery
over the ground they have acquired. It
may now be said that the French
armies in reserve have come into po-
sition and the numerical superiority
which the Germans enjoyed in their
first rush is decreasing.

THIRTY-TWO NAMES ON NEWEST CASUALTY LIST

Washington, March 29.—Thirty-two
names were contained in today's casu-
alty list issued by the war depart-
ment. It was divided as follows:
Killed in action, 1; killed in accident,
2; died of wounds, 2; died from dis-
ease, 3; died from other causes, 1;
wounded severely, 1; wounded slight-
ly, 20.

The names of nine officers appear
on the list. Capt. Ira G. Penberthy,
died from an accident, and Second
Lieut. Louis H. Lathrop, died of tu-
berculosis. The slightly wounded in-
cludes Maj. A. Rasmussen, Capt. Al-
bert Florin, First Lieut. Chas. C.
Crouse, First Lieut. Howard H. Hay-
den, First Lieut. Clarence R. Hub-
ner, First Lieut. John B. Nutt, First
Lieut. Wm. F. Rigney.

Killed in Action—Private Dell Al-
derman.

Died of Accident—Capt. Ira G. Pen-
berthy, Private Ben Pryor.

Died of Disease—Second Lieut.
Louis H. Lathrop, Sergeant John J. Con-
nelly, Private Perry Dodd, Paul Rich-
ard Hecht, Raymond F. Solomon.

Died of Wounds—Corpl. Albert W.
Williams, Private Thomas P. Min-
ogue.

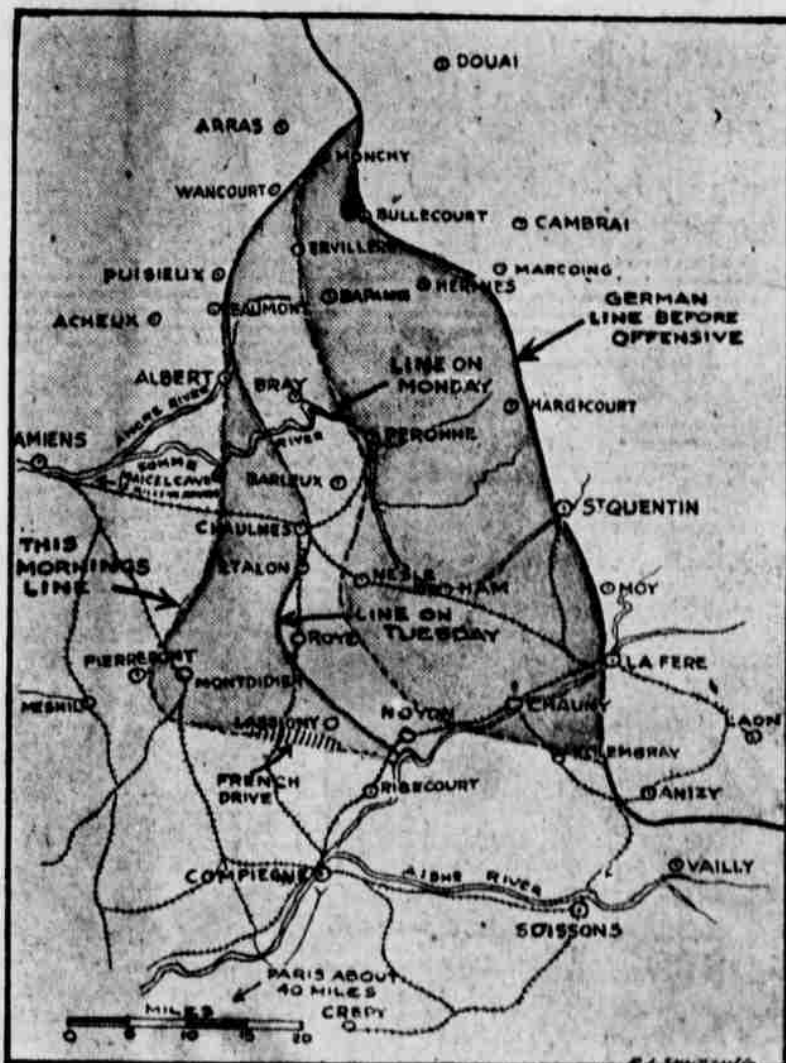
Died of Other Causes—Cook Henry
Ehler.

Wounded Severely—Private Wm. J.
Harmon.

Wounded Slightly—Maj. A. Ras-
mussen, Capt. Albert Florin, First
Lieut. Chas. C. Crouse, Howard T.
Havron, Clarence R. Heubler, John
B. Nutt, Wm. F. Rigney, Sergeant
Harvey M. Crouse, Sergeant Albert So-
lomon and Corpl. Roy Taylor.

Privates—Logan Brenner, George E.
Garrison, Francis Sigby, Wm. H.
Keshart, Wayne Perry, Wm. Potts,
Kenneth J. Stanton, Leonard M. Steu-
er, Frank A. Uffelman and Chas. E.
Walker.

TODAY'S SITUATION IN FRANCE



No material change has been made in the war situation today,
except the German advance is perilously close to Amiens, which is
the principal railway point between Calais, Boulogne and Paris.
Other parts of the line held by British and French have been main-
tained and the French have retaken several towns. The map in-
dicates approximately the change in the past two days and in
previous periods.

ANGLO-FRENCH TROOPS HOLD UP GERMAN THRUST

North of Montdidier—Monchel
Captured—Losses Boches
Extremely Heavy.

Paris, March 29.—Violent fight-
ing continued last evening and
last night in the region of Mont-
didier, the war office announced
today. In spite of German counter-
attacks the French held on to the
villages which they took yester-
day in this region.

Monchel was taken by French
troops. North of Montdidier French
and British troops held up the
German thrust. The German losses
have been extremely heavy.

The statement follows:
"The battle was continued violently
yesterday evening and part of the
night in the region of Montdidier. Not-
withstanding repeated counter attacks
the enemy was not able to eject the
French from the villages which they
captured yesterday. The French
troops, following up their success, took
positions of Monchel after valiant
fighting."

"In front of Plessier-de-Roye there
has been violent fighting. All the Ger-
man attacks against this village broke
before the indomitable resistance of
the French troops."

"Statements obtained from prisoners
confirm reports that the losses suffered
by the Germans, without bringing
them success, are extremely heavy.
The number of corpses found in the
vicinity of Montdidier and near Ples-
sier-de-Roye also confirms this state-
ment."

Hold Firm North of Montdidier.

"To the north of Montdidier French
British troops continue vigorously to
hold the Germans on the line along
the Aves river and in front of Neu-
ville-Sire-Bernard, Mezieres, Marcel-
cave and Hamel."

"Certain columns of German infan-
try and convicts reported on the road
between Laon and La Fere were
brought under the fire of our long-
range artillery and dispersed."

Cooler, Says Billy 'Possum.

Now Easter comes
with bonnets gay,
that's once poor man
must pay and pay;
such irony that all
Fools' day should
follow Easter. But
since old Adam was
a youth, I think the
spring has brought
forth a willingness
to pay, in truth,
along 'bout Easter.

The weather? Fair and cooler to-
night and Saturday with probably light
frost tonight.

HERO OF MARNE MAY BE IN CHARGE OF BIG COUNTER DRIVE



Gen. Foch, hero of the Marne, whose
quick blow through the German center
with the French "army of maneuver"
turned the Kaiser's horde back from
Paris, is mentioned as the man who
may be in charge of the interlarded
"army of maneuver" when it strikes
back at the Huns.

KAISER WANTED TO KNOW EFFECT WILSON'S NOTE

Russians Merely Send Copy of
Reply to President's Offer
of Assistance in War.

London, March 29.—An Exchange
Telegraph dispatch from Moscow says
Germany has addressed a note to the
council of Russian national commis-
sioners asking its attitude towards
President Wilson's proposals to assist
the commission's merely sent a copy
of the cablegram dispatched to Mr.
Wilson by the Moscow conference.

In his message to the all-Russian
congress, Mr. Wilson said that al-
though the United States at present
was unable to render the direct aid it
would wish to extend, it would avail
itself of every opportunity to secure
for Russia more complete sov-
ereignty and independence in her own
affairs.

DEATH RESULTS FROM AVIATION ACCIDENT

Washington, March 29.—Death of
Lieut. Marcus A. Jordan, of the
United States army two days after an
airplane accident in Italy in which
he was injured, was reported today in
a cablegram to his brother, Ensign
E. Jordan, here. He was a native of
Arizona.

WHOLE RESOURCES U. S. ARMY AT DISPOSAL OF FRENCH COMMANDER

Gen. Pershing Calls on Gen. Foch at Headquar-
ters, Offering Americans for Employment
in Struggle Now in Progress.

Brilliant Strategist and Hero of the Marne May
Be Placed in Supreme Command on the
Western Front.

Paris, March 29.—Gen. Pershing called on
Gen. Foch at headquarters yesterday, according
to L'Information, and placed at his disposal the
whole resources of the American army for em-
ployment in the battle now in progress.

There have been several reports
recently that Gen. Foch, one of the
most brilliant strategists of the
day, who was largely responsible
for the French victory in the bat-
tle of the Marne, would be placed
in supreme command on the west-
ern front. The Daily Chronicle, of
London, yesterday said an an-
nouncement bearing on the co-
ordination of British and French
military exertions might be ex-
pected almost immediately, and
that an influential role might be
assigned to Gen. Foch.

HOLD IT GREAT HONOR.

"I come," L'Information quotes
Gen. Pershing as saying, "to say to
you that the American people
would hold it a great honor for
our troops were they engaged in
the present battle. I ask it of you
in my name, and in that of the
American people."

"There is at this moment no other
question than that of fighting.
Infantry, artillery, aviation—all
that we have, are yours to dispose

of them as you will. Others are
coming which are as numerous as
will be necessary. I have come to
say to you that the American
people would be proud to be en-
gaged in the greatest battle of his-
tory."

Gen. Foch placed Gen. Pershing's
offer before the council at the front.
L'Information says. The council in-
cludes Premier Clemenceau, Com-
mander-in-Chief Pétain and Louis Lo-
cheur, minister of munitions.

Appreciation Expressed.

The French press expresses itself
heartily in appreciation of Gen.
Pershing's visit to Gen. Foch. La
Liberté says: "Gen. Pershing yester-
day took, in the name of his country,
action which was grand in its sim-
plicity and of moving beauty. In a
few words, without adornment, but in
which vibrated an accent of chival-
rous passion, Gen. Pershing made to
France the offer of an entire people.
"Take all," he said, "all is yours." The
honor Pershing claims is shared by us
and it is with the sentiment of real
pride that our soldiers will greet into
their ranks those of the new world
who come to them as brothers."

LONG-RANGE MYSTERY GUN AGAIN BOMBARDING PARIS

Paris, March 29.—The long-range bombardment of
Paris was resumed shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon.

WILSON CONGRATULATES FOCH ON NEW AUTHORITY

Washington, March 29.—The
first official reference to Gen.
Foch as being in supreme com-
mand of the allied forces on the
western front is contained in the
cablegram President Wilson has
sent the general today congrat-
ulating him on "his new author-
ity."

The president's message said:
"May I not convey to you my
sincere congratulations on your
new authority? Such unity of
command is a hopeful augury of
ultimate success. We are fol-
lowing with profound interest
the bold and brilliant action of
your forces."

London newspapers for several
days have intimated that the
French commander was to be
placed in supreme command in the
west and that a complete co-
ordination of the allied forces was
near.

The appointment of a supreme
commander has been under con-
sideration for some time and the
German offensive apparently
has hastened action in this di-
rection. News cables that Gen.
Pershing had offered to Gen.
Foch the American troops in
France were significant in this
connection.

MAINTAIN POSTS ON SOMME; HUNS THROWN BACK

British Successfully Withstand
Series Heavy Assaults, In-
flicting Losses.

London, March 29.—On the
Somme the British have main-
tained their positions and gained
ground in places by successful
counter-attacks, the war office
announces.

After holding their line all day
in the face of repeated assaults
by numerically superior enemy
forces, the British retired a short
distance from their advanced po-
sitions at some points.

The Germans again suffered ac-
cidentally heavy losses. The Brit-
ish took prisoners.

The statement follows:
"Further strong attacks were made
by the enemy yesterday afternoon and
evening at several points along the
battle front. North of the Somme our
troops have maintained their po-
sitions and have gained ground in
places by successful counter-attacks.
A number of prisoners and machine
guns were captured by us in this fight-
ing."

"The enemy again suffered exceed-
ingly heavy casualties. His frequent
attacks which were pressed with great
determination throughout the day
gained only our outposts, after
several hours of severe hand-to-hand
fighting. His reserves were then sent
forward against our main positions
and were everywhere thrown back
with great loss. Our machine gun ar-
tillery and rifle fire did great execu-
tion upon his ranks."

"South of the Somme, also, heavy
and continued fighting took place un-
til late in the evening. Our troops,
after maintaining their line all day
in the face of repeated assaults by su-
perior enemy forces, have withdrawn
a short distance from their advanced
positions."

Gen. Leonard Wood Passes Physical Examination

Washington, March 29.—Major Gen.
Leonard Wood has passed his physical
examination for active service at the
War Department. The examination was
conducted by a board headed by Brig. Gen.
Win. H. Arthur, Jr., Warfield T. Long-
cane, dean of Columbia university
Medical school, and the selected
heart specialist and one of the Doc-
tors Mayo of Rochester, Minn.